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"Now Armley Society became a nursing mother to the new-born souls at Leeds."—*John Nelson's Journal*.

- 1743 Charles Wesley, Charles Graves and John Nelson preached at Armley.
- 1744 Feb. 11, Charles Wesley preached at Armley.
- 1745 April 23, John Wesley preached at Armley.
- 1747 April 25 & Sept. 15, John Wesley preached at Armley.
- 1749 Armley Society subscribed for a copy of C. Wesley's "Hymns & Sacred Poems"
- 1776 Nov. 22, Samuel Gott's house licensed by the Archbishop of York as a place of worship.
- 1784 The first Chapel erected. Trustees { *John Walker, Sen.* *W. Hawkswell,* *Edw. Walton,*
William Clark, *J. Walker, Jun.* *J. Hutchinson,*
Joseph Stead, *Wm. Pickard,* *Jno. Crossfield.*
- 1785 March, John Wild received his first quarterly ticket from Alex. Mather.
- 1785 May 16, John Crossfield died.
- 1787 Nov. 10, Samuel Gott died, aged 54 years.
- 1794 Great Revival of Religion among the Methodists at Armley and Wortley.
- 1796 Nov. 5, John Hutchinson died, aged 56 years.
- 1797 Kilhamite division throughout the Connexion. Several members left the Armley Society. Among them Wm. Hawkswell; and Charles Donald, afterwards a travelling Preacher in Kilham's Societies.
- 1797 Chapel Trust renewed.
- 1798 August, John Hawkshaw, of Armley, entered the Methodist Ministry.
- 1806 John Hawkshaw died of fever in the West Indies.
- 1811 Bramley Circuit formed. Armley second Society on the Plan.
- 1812 Old Chapel pulled down. Foundation stone of New Chapel laid by John Wild. Congregation worshipped in the old Malt Kiln, during the erection of New Chapel.
- 1813 New Chapel opened at Easter. Richard Watson, Jabez Bunting. Adam Clarke and Wm. Dawson preached. Cost of Chapel, £2300.
- 1813 Oct. 6, First Sermon on behalf of the Methodist Missionary Society preached in Armley Chapel, by Jas. Buckley of Wakefield. *Isaiah lv. 10, 11.*
- 1822 May 10, At a Meeting at Thomas Simpson's house, Trustees determined to build a Sunday School in place of the house in Chapel Lane.
- 1822 August, Benjamin Clayton, of Armley, entered the Methodist Ministry.
- 1822 Decem. Sunday School opened by J. Bowers of Wakefield. *1 Cor. i. 23. Heb. vii. 25.*
- 1825 Oct. 2, William Clarke died, aged 85 years.
- 1839 Chapel Debt amounted to £2000.
- 1839 Centenary Celebration at Armley. Medals given to the Teachers & Scholars.
- 1840 Chapel Debt reduced by £870. leaving £1130.
- 1841 May 1, John Wild died, aged 86 years.
- 1841 Wm. Dawson preached J. Wild's Funeral Sermon at Armley. *Job. xix. 25, 26*
- 1841 July 25, Charles Smith, of Leeds, preached Wm. Dawson's Funeral Sermon at Armley. *Revelations xiv. 13.*
- 1845 Jan. 20, Wesleyan Day School opened at Armley. Chapel Debt increased to £1300.
- 1847 April 29, John Wild, Jun. died.
- 1851 Chapel Debt reduced by £600. leaving £700.
- 1851 Oct. 11, Benjamin Clayton died, aged 54 years.
- 1855 & 1856. Organ put into Chapel. Cost, with alterations of Chapel, £336. towards which Bazaar realized £206. the remainder raised by subscription.
- 1857 May 5, Neriah Simpson died, aged 35 years.
- 1857 W. M. Punshon preached Neriah Simpson's Funeral Sermon. *Eccles. vii. 2.*
- 1857 Dec. 6, Charles Richardson preached for the first time in Armley Chapel.
- 1858 Feb. 13, Joseph Gregg died, aged 83 years.
- 1862 Chapel Debt paid entirely off.
- 1862 Wesley Road formed, and piece of land bought to enlarge Chapel premises.
- 1863 June 2, Thomas Simpson died, aged 81 years.
- 1863 Missionary Jubilee. W. Naylor preached at Armley. Collections £804 4 6. After the sermon Wm. Arthur delivered an address.
- 1869 May 15, Foundation Stone of New Sunday School laid by John Wild.
- 1869 June 16, Bazaar held in Temperance Hall in aid of New School.

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